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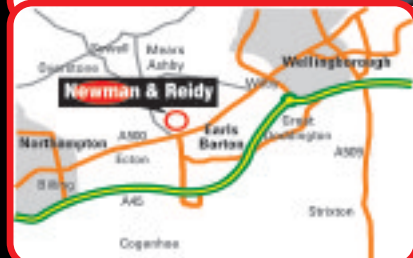
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The past week in headlines

At-a-glance news...

Tabloid dream couple split

Mon, May 11 – Glamour model Katie Price and singer Peter Andre announced they had separated



Giant windfarm gets go-ahead

Tues, May 12 – Approval was given for the world's biggest wind farm: 341 turbines, 12 miles off the UK coast



Corby MP pays back £41,000

Weds, May 13 – Corby MP Phil Hope will pay back more than £41,000 in the latest twist in the MP expenses row



Monopoly deadline looms for landmark

TIME is running out to cast votes on which Northampton street should occupy the coveted Mayfair spot on the town's very own version of Monopoly.

Votes must be in by tomorrow and the makers of the board game said they had received an "overwhelming" response from a public keen to have a say on the make-up of the board.

It is understood that Althorp House and The Guildhall were two early favourites to land the exclusive spot, but Sixfields – the home of Northampton Town FC – had made a late push.

The game's promoter, Graham Barnes, said: "We would like to thank everyone who has voted."

"We have received a flood of loyalty votes since the Cobblers were relegated."

"It means the club is on course to secure a high position on the new board."

The makers of the classic game decided to release a version based on a town in the area earlier in the year. After considering both Peterborough and Milton Keynes, Northampton was chosen because of the large number of landmarks which could be included on the localised board.

The game will see more than 30 town landmarks replacing the traditional London streets.

Earl Spencer said: "It sounds like a fun idea and I'm pleased and proud that Althorp may be represented as one of Northamptonshire's top attractions."

Votes can be cast by email to monopoly@winningmoves.co.uk



A MULTI-MILLION pound road-building project to open up land for development in Northampton has stalled after the Highways Authority missed out on £7 million of Government funding.

Planners at Northamptonshire County Council had hoped to start work on the Sandy Lane Improvement North road between Berrywood Road, Duston, and the A428 Harlestone Road in January.

But rising costs and a change to the design meant the authority needed an extra £7.2 million in place before work could start.

A spokesman for Northamptonshire County Council said: "The current scheme for Sandy Lane Improvement North was unsuccessful in the latest round of community infrastructure funding."

"Although this may bring a delay to the plans, we are continuing to pursue this as a viable scheme and are currently investigating alternative funding opportunities."

The Sandy Lane improvement road was one of three schemes around Northampton to take the burden of traffic from new developments at Upton, Upton Lodge and Dallington Grange.

The two other projects included the Sandy Lane Relief Road and the Cross Valley Link Road between Weedon Road and Swan Valley.

The latter was due to be formally opened in a ceremony today.

Mark Conway of the West Northamptonshire

Road to nowhere

Development Corporation (WNDC) said: "It's essentially what is required in terms of growth to allow us, as a town, to be more ambitious."

Campaigners who objected to the Sandy Lane improvement road said they were "elated" with the delay, after trying to stop the scheme with a judicial review last year.

Roger Kingston, the chairman of the Northants Residents' Alliance, said: "We're pretty elated

because it vindicates this road as very ill-thought-out and poorly-funded. We were a bit horrified it was only going to be a single carriageway road and they were building the road too close to the existing population."

"We think the concept of trying to build 45,000 houses on the side of Northampton – when we haven't got proper infrastructure and expecting the deliverers to pay for – it is bankrupt."

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The Week in Numbers

109: When Catherine Masters, of Oxfordshire, received her ninth card from the Queen – to celebrate her 109th birthday – she complained that each card was exactly the same. So the grandmother was given the surprise of her life when the Queen sent Prince William to her nursing home to offer a royal apology in person.



1,400: Experts in New Zealand have discovered that skeletons found at a burial site near Nether Heyford were 1,400 years old. The skeletons were found near the site of a Roman dig at the Northamptonshire village and DNA sent off for age testing. It is thought they may be the remains of German mercenaries who could have been hired to protect an important villa on the site.

50: Motoring enthusiasts have been celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mini this week. The iconic British car was designed in 1959 by Sir Alec Issigonis. Now owned by BMW, it was originally manufactured by the British Motor Corporation. It had an 848cc engine and top speed of 72 mph and first went on sale for £497.



9.3billion: The Government and power providers are planning to introduce hi-tech gas and electricity meters in every household in a bid to reduce unnecessary consumption. The meters would show the user their daily usage and could be read remotely by power firms, eliminating the need for estimated bills. The plan is expected to be completed by 2020 at a cost of £9.3 billion.

£300,000 card scam

MORE than 1,000 credit and debit cards were cloned at a Northampton petrol station, netting international fraudsters at least £300,000.

Suntharam Thevaratnam, 33, turned off CCTV cameras and allowed a bug to be placed inside the Chip and PIN machine at the Shell garage on the A45 near Wootton.

The Sri Lankan-born Tamil was employed as a night shift cashier when police began investigating more than 1,000 complaints of card 'skimming'.

At Northampton Crown Court yesterday, he was jailed for three years having pleaded guilty to fraud.

Rebecca Crane, prosecuting, said: "This case involves the skimming of credit and debit card details in the UK and substantial usage by others of at least £300,000. It may well be more."

A police investigation began in January when the petrol station's customers noticed unauthorised withdrawals from their card accounts.

Miss Crane said: "These took place in various countries around the world; in Canada, India, Sri Lanka and the Philippines."

"Cards were cloned with the details having been put on a magnetic strip. Regular customers expressed their concerns to the



■ Suntharam Thevaratnam and (above) the Shell garage on the A45 near Wootton manager, who already had his own concerns."

Police found that between September and December last year, the garage's CCTV cameras had been shut down on several occasions for up to 10 minutes a time.

Thevaratnam, of Birchfield Road, Abington, claimed to have been threatened with shooting by a man named Jaden who he had allowed in to install a bug.

Miss Crane added: "The Crown says there was absolutely no need to have let him in as employees sit behind thick glass, the doors are locked and there are two panic buttons in the kiosk."

Sentencing, Judge Peter Ross said: "You were at the start of this process which led to enormous fraud. Your position, although at one level is perhaps seen as a minor



cog in the machine, was absolutely crucial."

Richard Holloway, mitigating, said Thevaratnam, who is now a British national, had not profited from the frauds.

He added: "He's certainly not the brightest man and that may be why he was persuaded."

MNDA cure breakthrough

SCIENTISTS backed by a Northampton charity have made a major breakthrough in the search for a cure for a fatal degenerative illness.

The Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association, which is based in Northampton town centre, has been part-funding international studies into the condition.

Scientists have identified a 'hero' gene which improves by up to 50 per cent the survival time of motor neurone disease patients.

Experts are particularly excited about the new discovery because the genes offer an immediate target for treatment strategies and drug development for

the 5,000 sufferers in the UK.

Dr Brian Dickie, director of research development at the MND Association, said: "This is a significant finding, bearing in mind the speed with which MND can progress in patients."

"Just as there are genetic 'villains' that can cause or predispose people to disease, so there are undoubtedly 'hero' genes that help delay the onset of disease or slow its progression."

"Undoubtedly, this research will open up potential treatment strategies for the thousands of people living with MND."

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Former MPs want change to expenses

FORMER Northampton MP and Conservative peer Lord Naseby has spoken out against MPs embroiled in the expenses scandal, saying they "should have had a conscience".

The long-serving Tory member for Northampton South, who lost his seat in 1997, described some of the claims made by both Labour and Conservative members as "bizarre" after *The Daily Telegraph* continued to expose bills for household items, food and repairs paid by the taxpayer.

Lord Naseby, formerly Michael Morris, said it could take a General Election for Parliament to recover from the damaging revelations.

Speaking to the *Chron* this week, he said: "If this thing is not put to bed quickly, the only way to solve this problem is for the Government to say, 'Parliament is too important and we've got a major financial crisis so we will have a General Election'."

"People generally are fed up and this has made the kettle boil over. It doesn't say much about the people who set up the system."



■ Lord Naseby, former Tory MP Michael Morris

Lord Naseby said MPs were given a salary, travel costs and a living allowance during his time in Government when he was chairman of the Ways and Means committee, which recommended Government budgets.

He added: "There was a living allowance that was a fixed figure and a contribution to the expenses for those MPs who lived outside the

Greater London area or who were not ministers.

"We didn't have these allowances and it's only been since 2004 that the abuse started.

"If it's within the green book then you can't prosecute people but you can change it. I think it should be an independent committee that reviews it and it would be sensible to have one senior backbencher from each of the major parties acting as an advisor."

Lord Naseby's successor, Tony Clarke, the then-Labour MP for Northampton South, said he always published his expenses annually because he "could see this day coming".

Mr Clarke, now an Independent councillor for the Castle ward on Northampton Borough Council, said: "Expenses are there to assist you in your job of work, not to help you feather your nest."

"I came across MPs who tried to convince me that I could claim for things as part of the privilege of being an MP."

"The expenses system needs simplifying and it needs to be more transparent as to what you can and can't claim."

Sex offender sectioned for an indefinite period

A SERIAL sex offender who abused a patient with learning difficulties was able to offend again because he was unsupervised, a court heard.

Christopher Maye, aged 40, who has mental health problems as a result of a childhood brain injury, was granted bail after he admitted sexually assaulting a 44-year-old man in Northampton.

He was released into local authority care by Judge Christopher Metcalf with a condition he was never left alone by mental health staff and given one-to-one care.

But Northampton Crown Court heard that

Maye was left alone at the residential care home in Northampton last September and took the opportunity to sexually assault a 33-year-old patient.

Pearl Willis, prosecuting, said Maye was being treated in Little Billing, Northampton, in September 2007 when he forced another patient to perform a sex act upon him.

Having pleaded guilty to sexual assault, Maye was released on bail into local authority care and moved addresses so he could not come into contact with his first victim.

Miss Willis said: "The nature of his bail conditions were that at all

times he was to have one-to-one care and not be left alone at any time.

"It seems that on the evening of September 15, 2008, he did appear to be alone for a short time."

While his two carers were out of the room, another patient with learning difficulties and epilepsy was sexually attacked by Maye.

Maye, who is now a patient in a medium-secure unit at St Andrew's Hospital in Northampton, previously pleaded guilty to two sex offences.

He was sectioned indefinitely for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 on

Monday and can only ever be released with the Home Secretary's permission.

Judge Metcalf, who also banned Maye from contacting his victims indefinitely, said: "You know the problems that you face. You have a history of sexual offences going back to 1988."

"It's clear that when you were a small child, you suffered a head injury, the effects of which continue today."

The court heard Maye was previously convicted for molesting a five-year-old child in August 1998, gross indecency in 1990 and indecent exposure in November 1993.



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Your View

Should the rules on MPs' expenses be tightened?

MPs are getting expenses when they shouldn't, and the rules should definitely be tighter.
Police worker Kevin White, 50, from The Headlands, Northampton.



Yes. MPs seem to be under the impression that it's right for them to be leading that kind of lifestyle..
Kelly Bache, 22, a student of Abington, Northampton.



Yes, the system isn't fair. They should have to pay their way like the rest of us.
Stephanie Conferno-Barton, 21, a mother of Northampton



It's not right for MPs to claim for houses they don't live in, but I think most of them are honest.
Brian Mofezu, 21, customer services assistant from Kings Heath, Northampton

A survey has found cheese and pickle is the nation's favourite sandwich. Do you agree?

Yes, a ploughman's is my favourite, definitely.
Paul Stone, aged 21, a student from Abington, Northampton



I would agree. My favourite is ham salad.
Matt Coring, aged 20, a student nurse from Semilong, Northampton



My favourite is tuna mayo.
James Baggurey, aged 21, a student from Semilong, Northampton



I'm a vegetarian and cheese and pickle is very good. I would probably agree.
Nick Willes, 21, a musician from Northampton town centre

Forest facilities work approved

A PROPOSED £500,000 makeover of Salcey Forest's visitor facilities has been recommended for approval by planning officials.

The Forestry Commission has applied for planning permission to flatten the cafe at the forest and build an eco-friendly building including a new cafe, a larger indoor and outdoor seating area, a retail shop and an education room.

In a report due to go before councillors on May 14, the commission claims the building will provide eco-benefits by using sustainable construction materials and techniques using timber produced at Salcey Forest, and using natural ventilation and light.

A bio-mass facility is also included in the plans to generate heat for the site using wet wood chip.

Ashton Parish Council has objected to the plans, saying the current facilities are good and the new building



■ The aerial walkway at Salcey Forest. Planned works will cost about £500,000

may not attract more visitors in the current economic climate.

Hartwell Parish Council, however, welcomed improvements but said the new building design is "not in keeping" with the forest.

In the report, the Forestry Commission said: "The improved facilities will provide

an all-weather community space to continue to service the range of environmental education and community outreach programmes.

"The Eco-Hut is not intended to increase visitor numbers further, but to improve upon the existing provision for current users."

The report goes on to say the Eco-Hut follows the major issues of a lack of wet weather accommodation and the original cafe's inability to cope with the current numbers of people visiting the forest.

South Northants Council has received 23 objections to the plans, with complaints

including that modernising the forest will ruin its "simplicity", that the estimated 250,000 visitor numbers from the commission is exaggerated, a lack of car parking, and that the building would be an "eyesore".

The plans are available to view online at www.south-northants.gov.uk.

More drivers parking legally

DRIVERS in Northamptonshire received the fewest parking tickets for a decade last year as revenue from fines dropped below £1 million.

Traffic wardens for Northamptonshire County Council, which took over parking enforcement from Northampton Borough Council in 2007, issued just under 40,000 parking

tickets last year, making the authority almost £970,000.

The figures show a year-on-year drop with a 44 per cent decline since 2002-03, when motorists were hit with more than 71,000 parking tickets.

A spokeswoman for the county council said money made from fines was used to fund the parking scheme.

She said: "Effective parking enforcement is essential to reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic on our roads as well as improving road safety and access for emergency vehicles. The number of tickets issued year-on-year had reduced, indicating that more drivers are parking legally, making the roads safer for all users."



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Biggest daffodil fun run

THE "biggest ever" annual Great Daffodil Run in Northamptonshire saw hundreds of runners raising cash for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

An expansion of the event, which is now in its 12th year, saw a shopping village open up at Kelmars Hall for the first time and a new addition to the racing calendar with the Daffodil Dash, a 1.5km run for children and their parents.

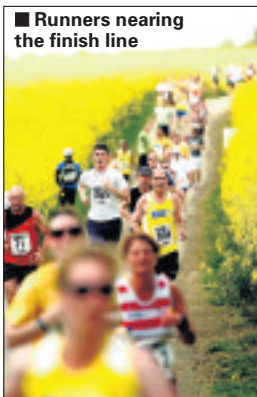
More serious runners took part in the 10km and 15-mile races around the grounds of the hall on Sunday, with many choosing to run in memory of loved ones.

Adam Shakespeare, from Hartwell, and four of his friends took part in the 10km race in memory of Adam's aunt Rosie. He said: "Rosie died about a month ago and we wanted to do something in her honour."

"It is something that's close to my heart and I wanted to be able to raise some money for a really good cause, which will help other people suffering from cancer."

The group, which joined about 1,000 others in the 10km race, hoped to raise at least £600 for Marie Curie nurses.

■ Runners nearing the finish line



Kate Owen, who completed the 15 mile course last year but opted to do the 10km run this time, dressed in a Superwoman outfit, said before the run: "My dear mother is a two-time cancer survivor who is now happily retired in the south of France."

"Marie Curie is a wonderful cause to support. I just hope I get round the course without being sick."

The charity's area fundraiser, Marea Roberts, said the event was one of the most important of the year for Marie Curie, with about 1,500 runners taking part in the three races.



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The Northamptonshire circuit's slim chances of holding the event after this year rest on Donington's bid to revamp its circuit falling apart.

However the local authority that covers the Leicestershire circuit has now agreed to wait until June 30 to receive all the necessary paperwork.

It has sanctioned the delay because documents need to be signed by both track operator Donington Ventures Leisure Ltd and the track-owning Wheatcroft family who are in dispute over unpaid rent.

With that case set to be heard on June 8, the extended deadline gives DVL and the Wheatcrofts a chance to resolve their dispute.

DVL boss Simon Gillett has insisted that the disagreement with the track owners – who have also called for DVL to forfeit its lease on Donington – will come to an amicable end.

He said: "Everyone has their spats in a business relationship.

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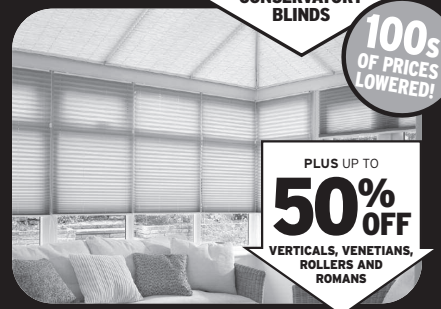
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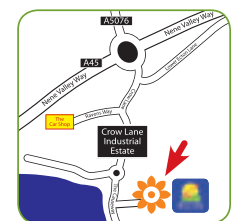
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5th century graves found

EXPERTS believe eight ancient skeletons found in a Northamptonshire burial ground could be German mercenaries hired by wealthy landowners to protect their property.

Samples of bones unearthed at the site at Whitehall Farm, in Nether Heyford, have been carbon dated by experts in New Zealand, who said they originated from the fifth and sixth centuries.

Volunteers and archaeologists, who have been studying the area for more than 10 years, hope this discovery could lead to a better understanding of who lived in the area after previous excavations in the village uncovered Roman bath houses and artefacts.

Nick Adams, who owns the farm, said: "It's very interesting that we have some bodies that are fifth century and we've got to try to establish who they might have been."



Nick Adams, who owns Whitehall Farm in Nether Heyford

"It's a little bit after the traditional end of the Roman period and we need to try to find out what the connection is."

"They could be Roman Britons or they may have been Germans who were brought in as mercenaries as protection for the bigger estates."

Mr Adams added the researchers believed the Saxon cemetery may have

been a private family burial ground where people were buried with "grave goods" such as daggers, brooches and rings.

He said the findings might also lead the archaeologists to Roman cemeteries - which were typically difficult to find - to reveal more of the site's history.

The next stage of the research, which has been

led by site director Stephen Young, from The University of Northampton, could include DNA testing to produce more clues about the origins of the bodies.

The estate included two roundhouses, villas and bathhouses, as well as private cemeteries for the family that lived there in the fifth and sixth centuries.

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Police inquiry as pupil suspended

A PRIMARY school pupil in Northampton has been suspended for bringing a cannabis-like substance into class, in what the headteacher has described as an "incredibly misguided" attempt to impress friends.

The youngster is being investigated by police after producing the substance and showing it to other pupils at Headlands Primary School, in Bushland Road.

Officers were called to the scene and

the child, who was immediately removed from school, has been told he could face being permanently excluded pending the results of their investigation.

Headteacher Andrew Lakatos said other children in the same year group as the boy had been spoken to about the dangers of drugs, and added the school was co-operating fully with the police investigation.

He said: "I can confirm that on Wednesday we were horrified to discover a pupil in possession of what is believed to be a cannabis-like substance, in what looks like

an incredibly misguided attempt to impress friends.

"The police were alerted immediately and are now investigating the incident with our full support.

"The child was immediately issued with a fixed term exclusion."

Mr Lakatos added parents could be reassured drugs would not be tolerated in the school, and said: "I hope parents are reassured by our actions, which send a clear message that this incident was completely and utterly unacceptable."



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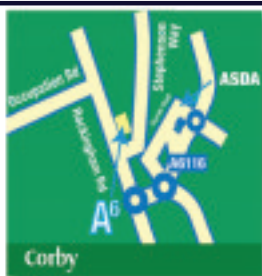
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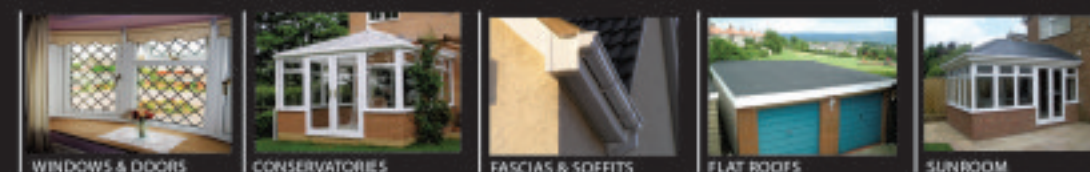


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1. Sharon Horgan stars in the final episode of *Pulling*, which can be seen on BBC Three on Sunday. She stars in another highly-acclaimed comedy series alongside Anthony Head and Stephen Mangan. What's it called?
2. *Coronation Street's* Michelle, played by Kym Marsh, has more romantic problems from Monday on ITV1. She's dating *Hollyoaks* actor Jamie Lomas, but what character does he play?
3. Samantha Morton appears in *The Unloved* on Sunday on Channel 4. What was the name of the series written by Kay Mellor, first shown in 1995, in which she made her breakthrough?
4. It's the final episode of *Boy Meets Girl* on ITV1 next Friday (May 22). Rachael Stirling stars in the series, but who is her famous mother?
5. Cast your mind back... John Cleese and the rest of the *Fawlty Towers* cast celebrate the comedy's 30th anniversary on UKTV's GOLD channel on Sunday. In what year did the first series air in the UK?

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Starting from 1, fill in the grid in a clockwise direction. The last letter of each four-letter answer is the first letter of the next word. A correct grid will reveal a seven-letter key word. **CLUES:** 1. Counterfoil 2. Defeat 3. Tinned food fish 4. Afresh 5. Journey on foot 6. Pavement edge 7. Chime 8. Solid earth 9. Soft fluffy feathers 10. Hitler supporter 11. Plant type 12. Lather 13. Black marketer 14. Look at 15. Legal document 16. Cylinder. **Key word** clue: Foreign country



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Family escaped arsonist attack

A FAMILY in Northampton had a lucky escape after arsonists started a fire next to their house in the early hours on Friday.

The Bennett family, including six-year-old Holly and Lauren, 13, was woken up at 1.30am after the fire was started among rubbish in a walkway between their house and a neighbouring house in Whiteland Road, Headlands.

Neighbours in the street called the fire brigade and woke the residents up as flames began to reach the height of the house, shattering windows and damaging doors.

Suzanne Bennett, 34, said: "I didn't hear a thing. The first I heard was one of the neighbours banging on my door and just telling us to get out."

"We were stuck at the top of the stairs thinking, 'is it going to

blow in?' You just think of the worst-case scenario. If they hadn't woken us up, I dread to think what would have happened."

"Somebody has obviously thrown something over to set fire to the rubbish."

Despite smoke detectors being installed in the house, the alarm did not go off until fire crews broke down the door and smoke drifted inside.

Lauren said: "I got up and I could just see the orange reflection from the flames. They were higher than the house. It didn't seem real."

The arson attack burned through telephone wires and guttering pipes as well as causing smoke damage to the house, which was being decorated.

Northamptonshire Police have appealed for anyone with information to ring 03000 111 333 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



■ The remains of the fire which started in rubbish in a walkway in Whiteland Road, Headlands

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Pictured (interior) above left is a room to let close to the



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Pictured above centre (interior) is a two-bedroom apartment in Kingsthorpe which is



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Pictured right (interior) in St James is a two-bedroom fully

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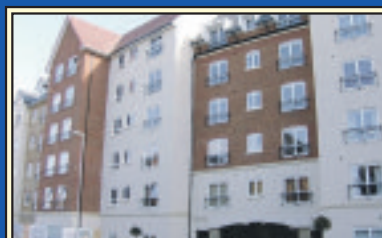
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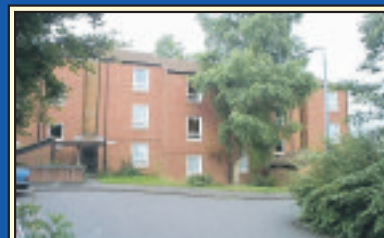
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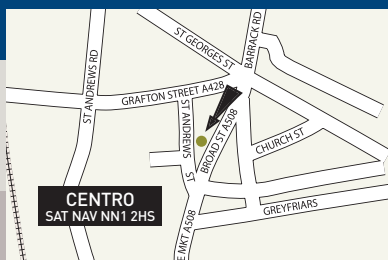
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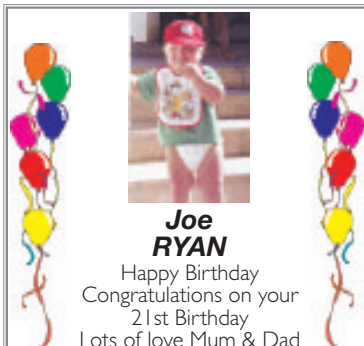
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John Cridland, deputy director general of the CBI, said: "This research furthers our understanding of congestion charging and shows that it can benefit business, but only if it is applied intelligently. Reducing congestion isn't just about cutting pollution and improving our quality of life, it is also about improving the economy. But it must be applied in the right way if it is to benefit business and receive widespread support, otherwise it will simply backfire."

James Hookham, FTA policy director, added: "Government reluctance to invest in sufficient road capacity and UK transport infrastructure means that sooner or later an alternative to managing the road network through traffic queues has got to be found. If road pricing is the answer it must be applied in the right ways."

A Department for Transport spokesperson said: "Our priority now and over the next decade is on tackling congestion where it is experienced most – in our cities and on our motorways."

A confident statement from new Audi Q7 4x4

CONFIDENCE is not something that's in short supply at Audi these days and if one model characterises this mushrooming self assurance, it's the Q7 luxury 4x4. Audi arrived rather late to the premium SUV party and it seemed that no sooner did it get its coat off and elbow its way to the bar, than happy hour abruptly ended.

Suddenly this class of vehicle was being frowned upon by the public for its perceived environmental profligacy and a certain overbearing attitude that seemed out of step with the times.

It didn't help that the Q7 was designed to be one of the biggest and most ostentatious 4x4s of the lot. On face value, the latest model isn't exactly apologetic but beneath the surface it's a friendlier proposition altogether.

Six engines are available. The entry-level petrol unit is the six cylinder 3.6 FSI, developing 276bhp.

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Of perhaps greater relevance to the UK market is the 236bhp 3.0-litre TDI diesel. This engine is available in standard or "Clean Diesel" guises, with the latter using advanced combustion and exhaust

after-treatment technologies to boost efficiency further.

Then there's the muscular 335bhp 4.2-litre V8 TDI powerplant, but the real behemoth is the V12 TDI diesel. Packing fully 493bhp and a monstrous 1000Nm of torque, the Q7 V12 TDI is a vehicle that borders on the caricature.

The figures for the Q7 V12 TDI make jaw-dropping reading. Despite weighing more than some tectonic plates, it'll get to 60mph from standstill in 5.2 seconds. That's

as quick as a Porsche 911. It will also effortlessly butt into its 155mph electronic speed limiter.

There are small aircraft carriers that would cut a less commanding dash than the Q7 if parked on a suburban driveway and the latest facelifted models do little to tone down the shock and awe attitude of the original.

There are three rows of seats that

slide and fold in the usual MPV-like fashion. Audi claims 28 seating and loading configurations are available in the Q7 and the seats in the second row are adjustable for fore/aft movement. This allows Audi to not only lay claim to the most generous second row legroom in the class but also – with the second row slid forward and the rear folded – to also pinch first prize for luggage capacity, a huge 775 litres.

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Chris signs new deal

Tues, May 12 – Cobblers' 21-year-old keeper Chris Dunn said he was 'delighted' having signed a new two-year deal at the club.



Stevie G is top player

Weds, May 13 – Liverpool star Steven Gerrard was voted the 2009 Footballer of the Year by the Football Writers' Association.



Shortage of runs is the major concern

DAVID Capel was left to rue a lack of runs and some costly mistakes as the Steelbacks fell out of the Friends Provident Trophy with a six-wicket defeat at Lancashire Lightning.

But he also praised the efforts of his bowlers as they came within 15 balls of defending 211.

"Until about 12 overs to go, we did pretty well," he said. "But the fact is we didn't have enough runs to play with and that's happening too often in this competition."

"Too regularly we are finding ourselves in situations like this. Guys like David Lucas and Lee Daggett, who I've been really pleased with, scrambled around to get us 30 runs at the end and they did really well. But we shouldn't be finding ourselves in that position."

"We've got to be getting into the last 10 overs with wickets in hand and looking to post a good total because every time we don't do that, it's putting too much onus on the bowling and fielding."

"With those extra runs in this game, those 30 or even 25 runs, it would have made such a difference."

"Lancashire would have had to take a few more risks and we would have put the pressure on them and make them work a lot harder for their runs."

"That's where the winning part of the game is, by scoring those extra runs and we recognise that."

Steelbacks made 211-9, with Nicky Boje (50) leading a recovery after struggling at 37-3 at one stage. But Lancashire always looked likely to catch the total, and made 213-4 (Ashwell Prince 78).

Young Springbok signs on for Saints

DELIGHTED Saints reckon they have captured one of the rising stars of South African rugby after sealing the signing of Brian Mujati.

The 24-year-old tighthead prop has agreed to join Northampton on a two-year deal after taking the international scene by storm last year.

In only his second season of Super 14 rugby with the Stormers, Mujati was called up to the South African side and has already won 12 caps.

As well as providing cover for Euan Murray when the prop is on international duty, Mujati will give the Scot tough competition for a starting place.

"Brian is one of the rising stars of South African rugby and I am delighted that he is coming to the Saints," said director of rugby Jim Mallinder.

"Although he is still relatively young for a prop he has amassed a great deal of experience in the Super 14 and with the Springboks, and he can play on both sides of the scrum."

"You cannot have too much strength

in depth in the front row and Brian will add to our resources in that area considerably. Having quality players increases the pressure on everyone to perform, which can only be good for the Saints squad as we look to improve further."

Over the past 12 months Mujati, who stands at 5ft 11in and weighs 18st 2lbs, has become a regular in the Springboks' matchday squads.

He was called into the national squad by Peter de Villiers ahead of last year's Test series against Wales.

After making his debut against the then-Six Nations champions in Bloemfontein, Mujati made 11 more appearances during the rest of 2008, including in the Tri Nations and Autumn International series in the UK.

Born in Zimbabwe and educated at Peterhouse School, Mujati began his rugby career in Johannesburg, where he worked his way through the Lions' youth system, culminating in maiden appearances in the Currie Cup and Super 14.

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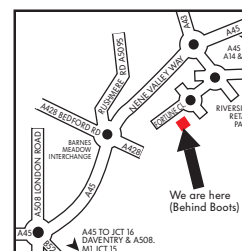
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